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Stalin's Daughter Is in Switzerland



Associated Press photo

Svetlana Stalin descends from plane yesterday at Geneva

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GENEVA, March 11—Svetlana Stalin, who left New Delhi Tuesday after having defected to the West, was given a temporary visa by Switzerland today. She arrived from Rome at 8 A.M. in a chartered Alitalia plane.

Bareheaded and wearing a green raincoat and striped scarf, the 42-year-old daughter of Stalin left the Geneva airport at high speed in a

police car in the direction of Bern, the Swiss capital.

The car bore license plates of the Bern police. It was believed that she might have gone to a resort in the Bernese Oberland, south of the capital.

A Government source said she was "very tired" and was expected to stay "a few weeks" under her temporary visa.

A terse official announcement, issued in Bern an hour after her arrival, said that she had requested permission to make "a temporary rest stay" in Switzerland and that this had been granted "in view of the fact that, according to known facts, she has never been involved in political activity."

[United Press International said she was later spotted having dinner at a hotel in Châtel-St. Denis near Fribourg, midway between Geneva and Bern.]

The announcement identified her as Mrs. Svetlana Alliluyeva, under which her Soviet passport was issued. Stalin's daughter has been using the surname of her mother, Nadezhda Alliluyeva, the Soviet leader's second wife, who died in 1932.

The Swiss authorities confirmed Svetlana Alliluyeva's defection with the statement that "she does not wish to return to the Soviet Union."

The manifest of the four-engine jetprop Viscount said it had two passengers on the two-hour flight from Rome. An onlooker said he had seen a man leave the plane, but it was not known whether he was Robert

F. Rayle, a Central Intelligence Agency officer attached to the American Embassy in New Delhi who accompanied Mrs. Alliluyeva to Rome, where she arrived Tuesday and went into hiding.

Swiss Government sources insisted that only one visa had been granted and that Mrs. Alliluyeva and the three members of the crew had been the only occupants of the plane.

Swiss Minister to Talk

Swiss sources refused to disclose Mrs. Alliluyeva's plans or whereabouts, but said that Ludwig von Moos, Minister of Justice and Police, would hold a news conference in Bern Monday.

Stalin's daughter, whose dark hair was parted down the middle in Russian fashion, merely shook her head when questioned by correspondents in English, French and German as she walked to the gray police car with two Swiss police officers.

The plane had landed on an isolated apron in front of a repair hangar and border inspectors dispensed with customs and immigration formalities.

The police prevented a correspondent from approaching the apron. After Mrs. Alliluyeva's departure, they took the names and addresses of several others and threatened them with the loss of their press credentials.

Authorized sources let it be understood that the Swiss authorities would be Mrs. Alliluyeva's only channel of communication. They said that she had formally expressed to the Government authorities her de-

the press.

Swiss Government sources went out of their way to emphasize that she had come only for a temporary rest and that she had neither asked nor received permission to stay permanently as a political exile. Temporary visas are usually granted for one to three months, they said.

American officials said yesterday that Mrs. Alliluyeva has asked asylum in the United States, but would remain in a western European country to spare the United States embarrassment in its relations with the Soviet Union.

Reliable sources here said the seven-member Swiss Cabinet de-

cided yesterday to grant Mrs. Alliluyeva's request for a temporary stay.

The Rome office of Alitalia did not inform its Geneva representative of the charter flight until 4 A.M. today. The plane is normally used by the Italian post office to transport airmail within Italy. Its crew refused to answer questions about the flight.

Mrs. Alliluyeva arrived in India about two months ago with the ashes of Brijesh Singh, an Indian Communist who died in Moscow Oct. 31. The two had met at Moscow's Progress Publishing House, where they were employed, and formed a close relationship.

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